



**The Entry into the Temple (Presentation) of Our Most Holy Lady,
The Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Which the Holy Church Celebrates on November 21.**

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

Rest from labour. Fish allowed.

Dismissal Hymn. Fourth Tone

TODAY is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the virgin is presented openly, and she proclaimeth Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O thou fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

*Kontakion. Fourth Tone
Thou Who wast raised up*

THE sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the house of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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